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to Chief, Technical Staff, OCS
Subj: Communications and Security Methods for
Advanced Computing System

I would like you to initiate and head up a working group to
deal with the subject problem. This group should include
at least one other member of your staff.  As soon as you have
an initial definition of the problem areas and how you
propose to proceed, we will invite OC, OS, and ORD to name
representatives to round out the group.

The W/G's objective will be to define and produce written
standards and methods for meeting the communications and
security needs in the remote device/time-sharing/on-line data
file mode of operations into which we are moving xx with new
generation computing capabilities.

  The KNOX PANEL (White House), Mr. Thomas McFee, Secretary,
interested himself in security considerations in machine
processing of intelligence, seeking a better understanding
of the impact of security controls on machine processing
systems, particularly the third generation systems being
developed for the Intel/Community.  He planned later to
brief members of the KNOX PANEL on the subject which the
majority of them did not have a clear understanding of.